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SUBJECT: GSA TIN SALES

REF: A. LA PAZ 7697, B. KUALA LUMPUR 5339,

C. KUALA LUMPUR 5159

1. MONTHLY GSA TIN SALES FOR FIRST TEN MONTHS CY1974

FOLLOW:

JANUARY	2,510 LT
FEBRUARY	1,950 LT
MARCH	9,175 LT
APRIL	5,312 LT
MAY	1,885 LT
JUNE	970 LT
JULY	595 LT
AUGUST	540 LT

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SEPTEMBER	285 LT
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OCTOBER 70 LT

TOTAL 23,292 LT

2. AS OF END OCTOBER 1974, GSA HAD TOTAL OF 6,999 LT TIN AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL UNDER EXISTING AUTHORITY. OMNIBUS STOCKPILE DISPOSAL BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS IN MID-1973 PROVIDES GSA WITH AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE ADDITIONAL

160,000 LT TIN, BUT NO HEARINGS HAVE YET BEEN HELD ON THIS LEGISLATION. EARLIER THIS YEAR, SEPARATE BILLS INTRODUCED BY HOUSE MEMBER AND BY GSA TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR DISPOSAL OF 100,000 LT TIN, BUT NO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION YET ON THIS LEGISLATION EITHER. IF CONGRESS DOES NOT ACT ON PENDING DISPOSAL LEGISLATION PRIOR TO CONCLUSION CURRENT SESSION, ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO INTRODUCE NEW DISPOSAL LEGISLATION IN NEW CONGRESS NEXT YEAR. DURING RECENT FOURTH WORLD TIN CONFERENCE, GSA (ROSS) ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT USG STOCKPILE DISPOSAL POLICY BY EXPLAINING THAT CURRENT USG POLICY IS TO PROCEED WITH OBTAINING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING FUTURE STOCKPILE DISPOSALS; TO CONTINUE TO BE PRESENT IN MARKET; AND TO ACT IN MANNER WHICH WILL NOT DISRUPT MARKET (REF B).

3. THE TEMPORARY NATIONAL COMMISSION ON SUPPLIES AND SHORTAGES TO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER PROVISIONS OF RECENTLY ENACTED EXTENSION OF DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMED. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT COMMISSION WILL LOOK INTO OVERALL QUESTIONS OF AGRICULTURAL AND MINERAL RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIES AND SHORTAGES, INCLUDING STOCKPILES.

4. REFTTEL B REPORTING ROSS' COMMENTS ON STOCKPILE POLICY, AND REFTTEL C REPORTING ON FOURTH WORLD TIN CONFERENCE, BEING TRANSMITTED EMBASSY LA PAZ BY SEPTELS. INGERSOLL

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